

A43C

FASTENINGS OR ATTACHMENTS OF FOOTWEAR; LACES IN GENERAL

Definition statement

This place covers:

Equipment of the shoe e.g. laces, eyelets, cleats, studs.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Equipment for ski boots	A43B 5/0415
Equipment for skate	A43B 5/16

A43C 1/00

Shoe lacing fastenings (garment fastening devices [A41F](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Every fastening system including at least one lace and concerning the lace, e.g. a special way of lacing, a specific position of the lace on the shoe, several laces used, etc.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Hooks for laces; Guards for hooks	A43C 3/00
Eyelets	A43C 5/00
Holding devices for laces	A43C 7/00
Laces; Laces in general for garments made of textiles, leather, or plastics	A43C 9/00
Cable fastening	A43C 11/16

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Combined fastening	A43C 11/008
Garment fastening device	A41F

A43C 3/00

Hooks for laces (making from sheet metal [B21D 53/46](#)); Guards for hooks

Definition statement

This place covers:

Hooks for lacing, along the upper, generally the lace joining together the hooks in the lateral part with the hooks situated on the medial part of the upper.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Making of Hooks from metal sheet	B21D 53/46
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A43C 5/00

Eyelets (machines for setting eyelets [A43D 100/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Holes in the upper generally to help the lace to bring together the lateral part with the medial part of the upper

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Machine for setting eyelets	A43D 100/00
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A43C 7/00

Holding-devices for laces

Definition statement

This place covers:

Systems to hold lace(s) in tighten position.

A43C 9/00

Laces; Laces in general for garments made of textiles, leather, or plastics

Definition statement

This place covers:

The lace itself.

A43C 11/00

Other fastenings specially adapted for shoes (dress fastenings in general [A44B](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Any fastening that is not a lace. Still some of the documents can have a lace, in case they relate to footwear provided with more than one fastening system.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Fastenings with device mounted on the tongue (could still involve lace)	A43C 11/20
Ornaments and decorative devices with fastening function (could involve a lace)	A43C 11/24

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Dress fastenings in general	A44B
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A43C 11/008

{Combined fastenings, e.g. to accelerate undoing or fastening}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Combination of two different fastenings e.g. a lace for precision lacing of a boot, and a zipper, for quick release of the boot.

Special rules of classification

If one of the two fastenings is a lace, classification should be given in [A43C 1/00](#) and sub-groups.

A43C 11/24

Ornamental buckles or other ornaments for shoes, with fastening function (buckles in general [A44B 11/00](#))

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Buckles in general	A44B 11/00
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A43C 13/00

Wear-resisting attachments

Definition statement

This place covers:

Additional device(s) attached on the shoe to protect against wear.

A43C 15/00

Non-skid devices or attachments (apparatus for climbing poles, trees, or the like [A63B 27/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Additional device(s) attached to a footwear to improve friction.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Sport footwear	A43B 5/00
Football/soccer footwear	A43B 5/02
Soles made anti skid, either by impregnation, either by antiskid devices monolithic to the sole, or multilayer soles, with a part of it in contact with the ground, but excluding the cleats, and studs	A43B 13/22 , A43B 13/24 , A43B 13/26
Apparatus for climbing poles, trees, or the like	A63B 27/00
Snowshoes	A63C 13/00

A43C 19/00

Attachments for footwear, not provided for in other groups of this subclass

Definition statement

This place covers:

Any attachment to a footwear not covered by the other groups, e.g. a plate with the name of the user, a tool to clean a golf club with the foot, an electronic device, any attachment not integrated in the footwear.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Overshoes	A43B 3/16
Overshoes for sporting purpose	A43B 5/18